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Hon. Wynoma Lipman
State Senator (D)
District No. 29
50 Park Place, Suite 938
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Senator Lipman:

This is to inform you that public housing residents are being denied financial assistance for their utilities from the New Jersey Life Line Program.

It is our understanding that N.J. residents must meet the following requirements:

- Be a New Jersey resident; and
- Earn an annual income less than \$9,000.00 if single or less than \$12,000.00 joint income if you are married; and
- Be at least 65 years old by December 31, 1981 or you receive Social Security disability benefits between July 1981 and January 1982; and
- Receive a electrical and/or gas bill in your name or your spouse's name. Or you are a tenant and do not receive a utility bill but the cost of utilities is included in your rent.



SETH BOYDEN 21-E, Seth Boyden 21-F, Kretchmer Elderly, Columbus Homes,

POWER CONCEDES NOTHING WITHOUT DEMAND, IT NEVER HAS AND IT NEVER WILL

By Fredrick Douglass, Aug. 9, 1857

PENNINGTON COURT, BRADLEY COURT, KRETCHMER HOMES, F.D.R., STEPHEN CRANE, HAYES HOMES

BAXTER TERRACE, FELIX FULD, SCUDDER HOMES, SETH BOYDEN, HYATT COURT, WALSH HOMES

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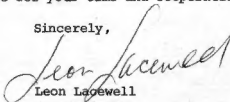
Approximately ten percent (10%) of the total of public housing population is comprised of elderly or disabled residents. The incomes of these tenants are substantially below the criteria set forth. Also, their utility bill is included in the cost of their monthly rent.

Please take the amendatory steps to correct this unjust practice which discriminates against our constituents.

If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me immediately at (201) 643-0307. Surely you will find me most willing to cooperate.

Thanking you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leon Lapewell", is written over the typed name.

Leon Lapewell
Specialist
Community Services/Public Relations

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